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Reply to Office Action of Dec. 29, 2003
Customer No. 27752

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A laminate web comprising a liquid pervious first material and a liquid pervious second material attached to said first material, characterized by:
said first material having an effective open area of at least about 10 percent and a plurality of apertures with an effective size of at least 0.2 square millimeters, said second material having an effective open area of at least about 10 percent and a plurality of apertures with an effective size of at least 0.2 square millimeters, said apertures of said second material being aligned with said apertures of said first material, wherein said second material has a hydrophilicity which is greater than the hydrophilicity of said first material, wherein a plurality of fibers of said first material and a plurality of said second material are substantially unbroken, wherein said first material and said second material are simultaneously bonded together and apertured bonded together, wherein a plurality of fibers of said first material and a plurality of fibers of said second material are substantially fused together about the apertures.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently Amended) The laminate web according to either Claim 1 or ~~Claim 2~~ wherein said first material is a nonwoven web.
4. (Currently Amended) The laminate web according to ~~Claim 1 any one of the preceding Claims~~ wherein said second material is a nonwoven web.
5. (Currently Amended) The laminate web according to ~~Claim 1 any one of the preceding Claims~~ wherein said second material has a bonded area greater than the bonded area of the first material.
6. (Currently Amended) The laminate web according to ~~Claim 1 any one of the preceding Claims~~ wherein said first and second materials each have an effective open area of at least about 15 percent.

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7. (Currently Amended) The laminate web according to Claim 1 any one of the preceding Claims wherein said first and second materials each have an effective open area of at least about 20 percent.
8. (Currently Amended) The laminate web according to Claim 1 any one of the preceding Claims wherein said first and second materials each have a plurality of apertures with a size of at least 1.0 square millimeter.
9. (Currently Amended) The laminate web according to Claim 1 any one of the preceding Claims wherein said first and second materials each have a plurality of apertures with a size of at least 2.0 square millimeters.
10. (Currently Amended) The laminate web according to Claim 1 any one of the preceding Claims wherein said second material has a width greater than that of said first material.
11. (Currently Amended) A disposable absorbent article comprising a liquid pervious topsheet comprising the laminate web according to Claim 1 any one of the preceding Claims.
12. (Currently Amended) The disposable absorbent article of claim 11-10 further comprising a backsheet joined to said topsheet, and an absorbent core positioned between said topsheet and said backsheet.